



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

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Eighteen die in Luxembourg crash

LUXEMBOURG — A plane crashed in fog near Luxembourg airport, killing 18 of the 22 people onboard. The Luxair turboprop Fokker 50 was flying from Berlin. Several survivors were taken to a nearby hospital — among them the pilot. The twin-engine plane carrying 19 passengers and three crew crashed in a field about three kilometers short of Luxembourg's international airport. The aircraft, on a scheduled flight from Berlin-Tempelhof airport, was making its final approach at around 9:15 a.m. when the crash happened. The accident occurred after the pilot contacted the tower to get an altitude check.

U.S: Execution may prompt terrorist attacks

WASHINGTON — The State Department warned Wednesday that the execu-

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Soldiers teach Afghan teachers English



An Afghan asks Lt. Col. Richard Leonard, Personnel officer at CJCMOTF, a question at the Jamhoriat Girls School in Kabul.

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Behind decaying walls that line a busy street in Kabul, a schoolhouse lays in silence. The courtyard is empty and the children have all gone home for the day, yet one classroom overflowing with students remains, undaunted in their task — learning the English language.

This is not your typical class; the students are actually the faculty and staff of the Jamhoriat Girls School and their teacher is an American soldier, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Richard Leonard, Personnel officer for the Coalition Joint Civil-Military Operations Task Force.

"I'd love to have students like these at home ... so eager and quick

to grasp the material," said Leonard, a geography and history teacher from South Carolina.

He said the students here show extreme dedication and willingness to learn.

"They copy the notes I give them over and over again, and by the next class, they have most of them memorized," Leonard said. "I am shocked at how quickly they are learning."

Learning is not the only thing happening quickly at the Jamhoriat Girls School. Leonard's class has nearly doubled in size to almost 80 students since he started teaching just a few short weeks ago.

"The class is growing so fast that I might need to split it in two and find another volunteer to help

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Red Cross finds new location

By Spc. Erica Leigh Foley
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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The hot coffee, microwave popcorn, library, VCR tapes and personal hygiene items provided by the American Red Cross have moved to the Joint Personnel Relocation Center near the post office in Bagram Air Base.

"This (location) gives us a lot

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Photo by Sgt. Reebe Critser

Working the night shift

1st Lt. Emery Delang (right), from Tallahassee, Fla., reinforces a weight bar with cement. Spc. Ryan McAvay (left), from Topkea, Kansas, holds the bar steady while Staff Sgt. Joe Smith, from Rapid River, Mich., holds a torch so the two can work. The three, all soldiers from Company A, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., built their own weights using cement at a forward operating base in South-eastern Afghanistan.

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more room to work in,” said Laura Fields, station manager, American Red Cross. “There is a lot more room to make items available to the soldiers and troops passing through.”

They are providing all the great services they always have and are coordinating to reach more of the soldiers.

“It is very important we reach soldiers down range because they do not have access to the facilities we have at Bagram,” said Randy Clark, assistant station manager. “They may go days or weeks without receiving some of the quality of life items we have here.”

In order to reach the soldiers, they will need some help from the soldiers here.

“I need volunteers to help put to-

gether boxes for units down range,” she said.

The intent is to have the soldiers help each other and to have them be involved in and learn about other Red Cross services, Clark said.

The volunteers are only needed a few hours a week or whatever time they can give, Fields said. The volunteers will help get the supplies to the soldiers faster. In addition, contacts down range are also needed to help disperse the supplies.

“We can’t deliver the items down range, Fields said. “That’s why we need a point of contact from each unit. We need the unit here to take it to the soldiers there.”

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Lt. Col. Richard Leonard teaches Afghans English as a second language at the Jamhoriyat Girls School in Kabul.

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out,” said Leonard, a member of the 360th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne) out of Fort Jackson, S.C.

One volunteer, Army Sgt. Valerie Temple, a mess specialist from the 401st Civil Affairs Battalion, is excited about the opportunity to teach English in Afghanistan.

“I’m just two classes away from finishing my degree in Elementary Education from Roberts Wesleyan College in Chili, N.Y.,” said Temple, a native New Yorker. “The experience that I would gain here would be invaluable ... it’ll put everything I have learned to the test.”

The English classes at the Jamhoriyat Girls School are taught twice a week and last approximately one hour. During that hour, many of Leonard’s students place their children in a kindergarten class. To give all the

teachers an opportunity to attend the class, the kindergarten is taught by other Task Force soldiers such as Spc. Mindy Dozier, a Civil Affairs specialist assigned to the 360th CA Bde.

“It’s rewarding to just go and help out wherever I can,” remarked Dozier who resides in South Carolina. “The children are wonderful and I can’t wait to go back.”

She also said that “Volunteering your time and sharing your knowledge with others not as fortunate as yourself is a great gift and a great personal sacrifice.”

Soldiers at the CJCMOTF are no strangers to giving. They spent the last year helping to rebuild a country that has been decimated by decades of war.

One of the Task Force’s main focus is rebuilding schools and re-

establishing education in the Afghan culture, especially for females. Girls were not permitted to attend school under Taliban control. Since the Taliban’s ousting from power, Afghanistan’s new government, the Afghan Transitional Authority, has spotlighted education as one of its main focal points as well.

Leonard, the Task Force and the ATA share a common belief — education is the foundation that forms a stable nation.

Leonard said he believes that most of his students see the English language as a key to open doors of opportunity.

“Once they learn another language, the entire world will open up to them” said Leonard. “I’m proud to volunteer my time in order to give these students a chance at a better life.”

Labor Day Run t-shirts

The Army Space Command Labor Day Run t-shirts — sizes small, medium and extra large — have arrived.

For more information, call Maj. Robert Zaza, 1st Lt. Shawn Price or Sgt. Samuel Huseby at DSN 303-587-5663, or stop by the Combined Joint Task Force - 180 Information Warfare Cell.

HIND SIGHT

1665

The *London Gazette*, the oldest surviving journal, was first published.

1805

Meriwether Lewis and George Rogers Clark reached the Pacific coast.

1814

Andrew Jackson attacked and captured Pensacola, Fla., defeating the Spanish and driving out a British force.

1881

Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, two participants in Tombstone's, Ariz., famous Gunfight at the O.K. Corral, were jailed as the hearings on what happened in the fight grow near.

1967

President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a bill establishing the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

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tion next week of a Pakistani national might trigger retaliatory attacks against U.S. interests overseas. Mir Ahmad Kasi, also known as Mir Aimal Kansi, is scheduled for execution in Virginia Nov. 14. He was convicted five years ago of the 1993 murders of two CIA employees in Langley, Va. At trial, prosecutors alleged Kasi was trying to avenge the 1991 U.S.-led bombing of Iraq.

Prosecutor won't seek jail for Ryder

LOS ANGELES — Shortly after Oscar-nominated actress Winona Ryder was found guilty of shoplifting charges Wednesday, Los Angeles prosecutors said they would not press for a sentence that would include time in jail. Ryder was found guilty of stealing more than \$5,500 worth of merchandise from a Beverly Hills Saks Fifth Avenue store last December. The six-man, six-woman jury found Ryder guilty of grand theft and vandalism, but not guilty of commercial burglary. The decision, announced at 2:45 p.m. ET, came after five-and-a-half hours of deliberations over two days. The 31-year-old star of "Girl, Interrupted" faces a sentence that could range from probation to three years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for Dec. 6. It is unlikely, however, that the actress will face a sentence that would include time in jail. Observers said the judge may be lenient because of Ryder's spotless record.

Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present "Young Guns" tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building.

Tomorrow's movie will be "Heist," showing at the same time.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Rain</i> H: 54F L: 46F	<i>Rain</i> H: 54F L: 46F
Kandahar:	<i>Haze</i> H: 81F L: 55F	<i>Rain</i> H: 79F L: 52F
Kabul:	<i>Rain</i> H: 64F L: 43F	<i>Rain</i> H: 63F L: 41F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Haze</i> H: 73F L: 42F	<i>Haze</i> H: 74F L: 43F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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2002 Bowl Championship Series

TEAM	TOTAL
1. Oklahoma	2.04
2. Ohio State	5.57
3. Miami, Fla.	6.01
4. Texas	10.03
5. Washington State	13.05
6. Georgia	15.03
7. Notre Dame	15.33
8. Iowa	16.29
9. USC	19.37
10. Virginia Tech	20.88
11. Michigan	31.62
12. N.C. State	32.40
13. Florida State	33.75
14. Florida	36.95
15. Kansas State	38.20

Slocum's future undecided

COLLEGE STATION, Texas—Texas A&M University President Robert M. Gates offered his support for beleaguered football coach R.C. Slocum Wednesday but said the school's new athletic director will make any judgments on future coaching decisions.

"While our football season to date has been disappointing, Texas A&M has a fine head coach, not only with an enviable long-term winning record, but also an admirable record in helping student athletes succeed and in running a program with integrity. Coach Slocum has my full support," Gates said in a statement.

Athletic director Wally Groff is stepping down in December and a search committee is looking for his replacement.

"I intend that all of our athletic programs, including football, also will be evaluated expeditiously by the new athletic director as soon as he or she is hired," Gates said. "It is my policy that the athletic director will make decisions with respect to the programs and the coaches under his or her purview."

The Day in Sports

(Compiled from *ESPN.com*)

Source: Dolphins pursued Aikman

The Miami Dolphins indirectly contacted Troy Aikman to determine his interest in becoming their starting quarterback until Jay Fiedler returns, a team source told *ESPN's* Ed Werder.

Fiedler is currently sidelined with a fractured thumb. He likely will be out another three weeks.

Aikman's agent, Leigh Steinberg, said that "if it were a permanent starting job on a team with Super Bowl possibilities, then I think Troy would be intrigued."

Steinberg said he has not been contacted by the Dolphins personally, but he conceded he is aware of the third-party contact.

When they asked about Aikman, the Dolphins were concerned about the health of backup quarterback Ray Lucas, who injured his shoulder in Monday night's loss to the Packers. When it was determined that Lucas would not need surgery and might be able to play Sunday night against the New York Jets — his former team — the Dolphins decided not to pursue Aikman. Lucas took about half the snaps in practice on Wednesday, and a decision will be made Friday whether he will start against the Jets.

Scioscia, LaRussa voted managers of the year

Still on a high 10 days after his team won the World Series, Mike Scioscia was honored with the AL Manager of the Year award and spoke about it as he went on a field trip with his daughter Taylor's class in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

"I'm learning a lot about botany," he said.

He learned a lot about winning this year, too, especially following a terrible 2001 and the worst start in team history.

St. Louis manager Tony La Russa had to overcome even more difficulties, tragedies that struck the Cardinals off the field, and won his record fourth Manager of the Year award, his first in the NL.

La Russa's Cardinals won their division during a season in which the team was traumatized by the deaths of pitcher Darryl Kile and longtime broadcaster Jack Buck.

"Nothing will describe how sad and how deeply affected everyone was with Darryl, Jack," La Russa said. "The personal side was really, really rough. I don't know how anybody would describe it. I think this award is recognition our club, our organization, just didn't give into it."

In voting conducted before the start of the postseason, Scioscia received 17 first-place votes, 10 seconds and one third for 116 points from a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

2002 National Hockey League standings

Eastern Conference

Atlantic

Philadelphia	18 pts
Pittsburgh	16 pts
N.Jersey	14 pts
N.Y. Rangers	10 pts
N.Y. Islanders	7 pts

Northeast

Boston	16 pts
Montreal	12 pts
Ottawa	9 pts
Buffalo	9 pts
Toronto	8 pts

Southeast

Tampa Bay	16 pts
Carolina	13 pts
Washington	11 pts
Florida	10 pts
Atlanta	4 pts



Western Conference

Central

St. Louis	17 pts
Detroit	14 pts
Chicago	11 pts
Columbus	11 pts
Nashville	7 pts

Northwest

Minnesota	20 pts
Vancouver	14 pts
Colorado	14 pts
Calgary	13 pts
Edmonton	10 pts

Pacific

Dallas	16 pts
Los Angeles	15 pts
Phoenix	11 pts
San Jose	9 pts
Anaheim	9 pts

Gillies among four enshrined in Hockey Hall of Fame, joins former linemates

TORONTO—Clark Gillies reunited with New York Islander linemates Bryan Trottier and Mike Bossy in the Hockey Hall of Fame.

“To be recognized as one of the great lines that was ever put together is very special,” Gillies said.

The three helped the Islanders win four consecutive championships from 1980-83. Bossy was inducted in the hall in 1991 and Trottier in 1997. Gillies was enshrined Monday with Bernie Federko, the St. Louis Blues playmaker, and Rod Langway, the American who won a

Stanley Cup with Montreal and twice won the Norris Trophy as best defenseman with Washington.

Roger Neilson, head coach of eight NHL teams and now an assistant in Ottawa, was inducted in the builders category.

Gillies, a tough, 6-foot-3 forward,

finished with 319 goals, 378 assists and 1,023 penalty minutes in 958 NHL games.

“I told somebody the other day, ‘I’d have scored 50 goals if Trots was right-handed.’” the 48-year-old Gillies said after being presented with his navy blue hall blazer and ring.

Pioline retires

PARIS—Cedric Pioline is retiring from tennis, ending a 13-year career for the former Wimbledon and U.S. Open runner-up. Pioline, a 33-year-old Frenchman, announced his decision Sunday after the doubles final of the Paris Masters. He and Gustavo Kuerten lost 6-3, 7-6(6) to Nicolas Escude and Fabrice Santoro. “It was my last match,” Pioline said. “I’m retiring.” He is ranked 99th in the ATP Champions Race and earned more than \$6.8 million in prize money for his career. He reached a No. 5 ranking in 2000.

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